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Agriculture

Stephanie Plaster

Meeting Tomorrow's Feeding Challenges Today

Stephanie developed and co-hosted "Meeting Tomorrow's Feeding Challenges Today", as part of the popular "Supporting Farmers During Challenging Times" meetings that Extension Ag Agents/Educators in eastern Wisconsin have conducted over the past several years due to the brutal economic conditions impacting farmers. Thirty-eight people were in attendance.

As a result of attending this meeting, participants (n=25) indicated a +0.9 pt increase in knowledge on factors affecting feed hygiene and quality of silage (based on a 5 pt Likert scale), an +0.8 pt increase in key factors in preparing for feed emergencies, a +0.8 pt increase in cost controls in heifer management, and a +1.0 pt increase in strategies for planning and avoiding forage catastrophes.

One hundred percent of those completing the evaluations indicated they would share the information they learned from the meeting with others.

When asked what is one practice you will "take back to the barn" and implement as a result of today's meeting, participants indicated: needing to calculate heifer raising costs (3), feed hygiene best management practices (3), test forages regularly for mycotoxin (2), experimenting in low cropping acres with alternative forages, more planning with custom harvester, and getting rid of oxygen quicker to lower the pH and save sugars.

The breakdown of the 25 participants completing the evaluation was 14 farmers, 4 farm managers, 4 nutritionists, and 3 consultants which represent a total of over 7000 cows milked by farmers in attendance and 150 farms covered by the agriculture professionals in attendance.



Monthly Report March 2020

4-H Youth Development

Jayna Hintz

Summer camp staff planning and training for the 2020 season kicked off in March. Jayna met with the volunteer camp directors, junior directors and coordinator to create a timeline and set plans. Together, they held one of four planning and training meetings scheduled. Planning and training is essential for camp staff to be successful in their job as 4-H camp counselors and staff.

Adequate training for any job is essential for success. Camp counselor training and planning sessions prepare youth for the job of being a 4-H camp counselor. As a result of participation in camp counselor training, youth will identify personal goals and expectations of their own camp counseling experience, understand and be able to communicate the overall expectations of 4-H camp counselors, and the potential consequences of not fulfilling the expectations. Camp counselors will be able to discuss and identify important roles and responsibilities, camp rules, and the risks associated with campers not following the rules. Counselors will learn the physical and emotional needs of campers and teach camp traditions such as flag ceremonies, songs, games and skits.

A trained camp staff will provide campers with opportunities to understand that learning can be fun, improve their communication skills, acknowledge their abilities and limitations, develop skills and options for growth. As well as learn about the natural environment, improve stewardship and personal physical fitness skills. Campers will be involved with solving problems, making decisions and working cooperatively in groups. This year's Olympic theme provides the opportunity to increase understanding and appreciation of different cultures and the value of diversity in a global society. Training the camp staff ensures campers' pursuit of self-growth happens in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment.





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Community Development

Karina Ward

In response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, Karina is working with colleagues to adapt upcoming programming for online delivery, identify emerging needs, and create and share resources with local partners.

As organizations and businesses transition to working remotely, it is important to find ways to connect with employees in meaningful ways beyond regular meetings. While it is important to maintain physical distance, social connections are key to mental health and can be overlooked. Whether it is a virtual coffee date, group book read, or a quick check-in time, video meetings makes it possible to maintain social connections while working remotely. Options for video meetings and resources for running effective online meetings are available on the [Extension Ozaukee County website](#).



When unexpected events – such as the COVID-19 virus outbreak – alter an organization’s everyday functioning, there are steps to be taken for both work continuity and sustainable financial management. Resources for non-profits on securing organizational financial standing are available on the [Extension Ozaukee County website](#). This is a good time to consider current and impending organizational financial stresses and to plan in case of economic recession, operations shut-down, or donor decline.

Small businesses face a unique set of challenges during the COVID-19 virus outbreak, including workforce health, supply chain issues, travel advisories and restrictions, and changes in consumer demand. Extension’s Center for Community and Economic Development has created a webpage for [Navigating Coronavirus for Small Businesses](#) that is continually updated as new programs are announced, new webinars are scheduled, and additional research is released.

If your organization or business could benefit from assistance, please contact Karina at karina.ward@wisc.edu. Extension is available to help during this challenging time.

Upcoming Events

April 3, 2020

- Growing and Feeding Alternative Forages, Online, 1 pm.

April 7, 2020

- Master Gardener Level I Training, Online, 6 pm.

April 14, 2020

- 4-H Statewide Town Hall Meeting, Online, 7 pm.
- Master Gardener Level I Training, Online, 6 pm.

April 16, 2020

- 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting, Online, 6 pm.

April 21, 2020

- Master Gardener Level I Training, Online, 6 pm.

April 28, 2020

- Master Gardener Level I Training, Online, 6 pm.

COVID-19 Update

As a Division of UW-Madison, Extension is following the lead of UW-Madison leadership in responding to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, in conjunction with public health and county officials. The latest guidance from UW-Madison and local government is to have staff work remotely and postponing events. This guidance is in reaction to a worldwide event whose impact is growing in our area and to ensure our communities are as safe as possible. Extension is transitioning our programming to online delivery. Staff are working on innovative methods to serve our audience. With limited or restricted access to public spaces such as schools, colleges, and government buildings, Extension staff are responding to give our stakeholders resources via the internet.



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